(iv) That the unit area of insurance should be brought down to the village level and all crops including perennial crop should be covered under the National Agriculture Insurance Scheme (NAIS).

Food and fodder development in Karnataka

320. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has submitted schemes for strengthening of State farms, establishment of Fodder bank etc., at an estimated cost of Rs. 93 lakhs;

(b) if so, what is the present stage of consideration of this proposal; and

(c) by when the State Government is likely to receive the sanction of the schemes and release of funds in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Government of Karnataka has been sanctioned an amount of Rs. 13.55 lakhs for fodder bank and Rs. 25.00 lakhs for enrichment of straw/cellulosic waste for utilization during current financial year against the proposal submitted by them for fodder bank (Rs. 21.00 lakhs) and enrichment of straw/cellulosic waste (Rs. 50.00 lakhs) in the year of 2002-2003.

Drought relief price for rabi wheat

321. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had paid Rs. 10 per quintal as drought relief to farmers over and above the Minimum Support Price for rabi wheat, as recommended by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices; and

(b) if so, the details of amount paid to drought affected States for the same, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Government has announced payment of one time special drought relief of Rs. 10 per quintal